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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL APPROACH AGAINST EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA
FROM UN

REF: STATE 230020

1. IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT OF REFTEL OCT 19 AMBASSADOR SOUGHT APPOINTMENT WITH AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILLESEE BUT LEARNED HE HAD RETURNED TO PERTH. AT SUGGESTION OF WILLESEE'S SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR SENT TEXT OF SECRETARY'S LETTER TO DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR ONWARD RELAY TO WILLESEE IN PERTH. DFA TOLD US THAT SIMILAR MESSAGE FROM BRITISH GOVERNMENT BEING SENT TO WILLESEE ELECTRONICALLY AND PROMISED THAT SECRETARY'S LETTER WOULD BE SENT AT SAME TIME. AMBASSADOR LEFT CANBERRA OCT 20 ON LONG-PLANNED TRIP TO NAURU TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS, VISITING PNG ON WAY BACK.

2. EMBOFF FOLLOWED UP ON OCT 21 WITH PIPER (ASST SECRETARY, UN BRANCH, DFA), WHO ACTUALLY HANDLING PAPERWORK ON AUSTRALIAN POSITION ON SOUTH AFRICA. PIPER CONFIRMED THAT SECRETARY'S LETTER HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY WILLESEE. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT WILLESEE IS NOT RPT NOT WELL AND WILL PROBABLY NOT RETURN TO CANBERRA UNTIL LATER THIS WEEK. ACCORDINGLY, THERE HAS BEEN NO POLICY FOCUS ON SECRETARY'S LETTER OR ON SUBSTANCE OF SOUTH
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AFRICA ISSUE. PIPER COMMENTED THAT DECISION, IN ANY CASE, WOULD

NOT RPT NOT BE MADE BY OFFICIALS IN DFA BUT BY PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM (WHO HAS STRONG VIEWS ON SOUTH AFRICA) AND BY WILLESEE. PIPER NOTED POTENTIAL PROBLEM OF TIMING AND PROMISED TO INFORM US OF DECISION SOONEST.

3. ON SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE, PIPER NOTED HEAVY BRITISH DEPENDENCE ON TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND MAJOR BRITISH INVESTMENT STAKE. HE SPECULATED THAT BRITISH WOULD PREFER TO AVOID VETO, COUNTING ON SUFFICIENT ABSTENTIONS TO DEFEAT PROPOSED EXPULSION. EMBOFF NOTED SUBSTANTIAL SOUTH AFRICAN EFFORTS TO DEVELOP NEW PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF WEAPONS GRADE URANIUM AND WONDERED IF EXPULSION FROM UN WOULD DRIVE SOUTH AFRICANS INTO DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. (AS DEPT AWARE, AUSTRALIANS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THEY VIEW AS WORLDWIDE DETERIORATION OF NPT AND ARE TRYING TO SHORE UP TREATY IN VARIOUS WAYS.)

4. ACTION RECOMMENDED: ALTHOUGH AUSTRALIA HAS TAKEN STANCE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM U.S. ON AFRICAN ISSUES IN UN, EMBASSY BELIEVES GOA CAN BE BROUGHT AT LEAST TO ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL. BEST TACTIC IS FOR USUN TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION TO UN AND MAKE U.S. INTENTIONS KNOWN TO THEM.
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